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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. HAMM, 34th Dist.

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"AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH IN CRISIS."

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Notwithstanding any
3 provision of the general statutes, no child shall be placed at the
4 Connecticut Juvenile Training School unless the child has been (1)
5 placed in a residential facility within the state under a contract with
6 the Department of Children and Families and failed to complete that
7 program, or (2) committed to the care and custody of the Department
8 of Children and Families after conviction of a felony or a serious
9 juvenile offense, as defined in section 46b-120 of the general statutes,
10 except that no child convicted of any offense pursuant to chapter 952
11 of the general statutes shall be placed at the Connecticut Juvenile
12 Training School.

13 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Department of Children
14 and Families shall develop community-based services and programs
15 exclusively for children in families with service needs, including

16 programs with respect to truancy, mental health and other specialized
17 needs, that qualify for federal financial participation through Title IV-E
18 of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, and Early Periodic
19 Screening and Diagnostic Treatment Medicaid funds.

20 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Children
21 and Families shall establish a mandatory training program for all
22 current and newly hired staff members at the Connecticut Juvenile
23 Training School on the use of mechanical and physical restraints, in
24 accordance with the requirements of chapter 814e of the general
25 statutes. Such training shall emphasize verbal defusing or deescalation,
26 prevention strategies, instruction on the types of physical restraint and
27 the differences between life-threatening physical restraint and other
28 levels of physical restraint. Such training shall be completed for
29 current employees not later than July 1, 2002, and for newly hired
30 employees not later than three months after date of hire.

31 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) No child convicted of any
32 offense pursuant to chapter 952 of the general statutes shall be placed
33 at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. No residential unit or
34 housing for children convicted of offenses pursuant to chapter 952 of
35 the general statutes shall be developed, constructed, moved, permitted
36 or otherwise placed within the boundaries or on the grounds of the
37 Connecticut Juvenile Training School."